

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Masses: Saturday at 4:00pm

Sunday at 7:30 (Memorial -Labor Day) & 9:00am

Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days: check bulletin, Facebook, or website

Adoration: 1st Friday of the Month Following 8am Mass

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 pm, Other times by request

Parish Office Hours: Tuesdays 11am-4:30pm

Blessing of Homes: please contact the Parish Office.

Homebound: Wishing to receive Communion? Please contact the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick is available anytime, please contact the parish office.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated as needed.

One parent must be a practicing Catholic. One godparent must be a Catholic at least 15 years of age. Contact the Parish Office for more info and to schedule.

Marriage: Anyone contemplating marriage in the Catholic Church must be a practicing Catholic. Father must be contacted six months prior to the wedding. Prenuptial requirements must be completed prior to the wedding. Contact the Parish Office.

In the Event of a Death: Please notify the parish office

Those interested in being put on a prayer list: Please contact the parish office. There is also a form on the website.

Register w/the Parish: There are registration forms on the bulletin board at the back of church, feel free to fill one out and throw it in the collection basket. Or you may register on our website.

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Women's Fellowship: Meet every 1st Friday for Mass/adoration, then meet up for breakfast

Parish & Financial Councils: Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

For job openings in the diocese visit: <https://diocesefwsb.org/hr/>

For more events in the diocese or to subscribe to Today's Catholic visit: <https://todayscatholic.org/> (digital subscription is free!)

Last Week's Collection:

Loose: \$770 Envelopes: \$1035

Local Food Pantry: Item of the week-Paper Products!

Readings for: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Reading 1 Acts 2:14, 22-33

Psalm Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Reading 2 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

REFLECTIONS:...From Father Daniel

The theme of today's readings is: They Recognized Him at the "Breaking of Bread". The announcer of the Word should stress the message that we too can meet the Risen Lord when we hear the word of God and take part in the "breaking of bread". The first and the second reading draw our attention to the need to have recourse to the scriptures if we want to understand what happened to Jesus and what happens to us everyday.

Today we hear about two disciples to whom Jesus appeared on Easter Sunday on their way to Emmaus. St. Luke told this story to encourage fellow believers during times of fear or discouragement. He wants us to know that through good times and bad, Jesus never leaves us even if we have given up on him. We all have times when our faith is tested, when we feel as if he has abandoned us. No. His presence with us takes many forms, forms that we often do not recognize. He comes to us in the friend, sometimes in suffering, in visible and invisible ways, he comes to us in the Church and in the Scriptures. He comes in sacraments, and, especially, in the Eucharist.

As we journey on our pilgrimages of life, we must not forget that he is walking with us, he is trying to help us understand, he is feeding us not just bread for the body but food for our mind and heart. All we have to do is listen. If we catch on to what he is saying, we may want to tell everyone all about what we experienced on our journey. A virtuous 80=yr-old man with a strong faith in God, after a sudden tragedy in his family, in tears he said, "In the practice of my faith, there are times I am confident and at peace; at other moments I waver and feel bereft". On your spiritual journey, never give up, today is hard, tomorrow will be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine. A calm mind is the ultimate weapon against any difficult challenge in life. Like the two disciples, on the road to Emmaus, May our encounter with the Risen Lord cleanse us from our old ways and transform us into a new creation.



Your Used Stamps and Postcards can

Help Spread the Light of Christ:

On average, 50 used commemorative stamps can generate enough money to provide a healthy lunch at schools run by the Sisters of the Holy Cross around the world. That's the impact you can make when you save the canceled commemorative or unusual stamps and postcards from your mail and send them to the Sisters of the

Holy Cross Stamp Ministry. If you have a stamp or postcard collection you'd be willing to donate, it can do even more! Money raised through the sale of these items supports our Ministry With the Poor, where small projects have life-changing impact. Leave at least 1/4 inch on each side of the stamp when cutting it from the envelope.

Mail to:

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Stamp Ministry

200 Rosary Hall

Notre Dame, IN 46556.

Questions?

Call 574-284-5675 or

www.cscsisters.org/stamp-ministry/

FAITH FORWARD: CONNECTING OUR GRADUATING

SENIORS:

Parishes around the diocese are participating in Newman Connection's Faith Forward movement — a national initiative helping graduating high school seniors stay connected to their Catholic faith as they move on to college, the military, or the workforce. By sharing their post-graduation plans, seniors can be personally connected to a Catholic campus ministry, military chaplain, or young adult parish near their next destination. If you are a graduating senior — or the parent or grandparent of one — please learn more sign up today at signupnec.newmanministry.com.

ST. AUGUSTINE MEN'S GROUP:

If you struggle with addiction to pornography or sexual struggles, you are invited to be made new. With groups meeting in Fort Wayne and South Bend, the lives of men have been transformed because of their willingness to change, to be honest, and to seek connection not only with God but with their fellow brothers through the Saint Augustine Men's Group. Meetings focus on the positive and what we can do to overcome our daily struggles. Discover a path to true freedom by visiting diocesefwsb.org/augustine or e-mailing staugustinefwsb@gmail.com

Ministers Schedule:

Saturday, April 25, 4:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Rick Zydek

Lectors: Angie Burkhart

Sunday, April 26, 9:00am

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Tracy Gaunt

Lector: Beth Walenga

Mass Intentions for the Week and Activities:

Saturday, April 18, 3:00 Reconciliation

4:00 Our Parish

Sunday, April 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 +Sue Stevens

Following Mass Religious Education

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Thursday, April 23, 8:00 +Dennis Lemmon

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Landrigan and Weaver Families

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Friday, May 1st, Women's Fellowship Meet-up Following Adoration

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Sunday, May 3rd, May Crowning Following Mass

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Tuesday, May 12th, Parish Council Meeting 6:30pm

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1st Communicants and Graduates:

Our First Communion Mass will be May 3rd at 9am and our Mass for Graduates will be June 7th at 9am. If you would like to offer cards of congratulations for our Communicants Oliver Boocher & Aaron Stevens or Graduates Hannah Landrigan & Hunter Rostochak please feel free to throw your cards of congratulations into the collection basket. There will also be a box for cards at their respective Masses. If you are a new registration to the parish and have a graduate that would like to be included in the graduation Mass, please contact our DRE Sharon DeLong or the office at office@sfxpiercetn.org.

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Donation Drive:

For the Month of April in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month the Parish Council is hosting a donation drive for Safe Harbor-Kosciusko County Child Advocacy Center.

Safe Harbor is where kids, families and people in child abuse investigations come together. Safe Harbor is a center that provides a unique approach to the investigation of cases of abuse and neglect of children.

They are in need of some items:

- Small toys- matchbox cars, stickers, beanie babies, stuffed toys
- Boys & girls deodorant
- Small bottles of shampoo
- Small bottles of conditioner
- Small hairbrushes
- Decks of cards
- Journals
- Crayons
- Small tubes of toothpaste

* Any monetary donations will be put towards the supplies they need
There will be bin in the back of church for you to put items

Annual Bulletin Announcement :

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the protection of children and young people. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org, under "Youth Protection."

If you have reason to believe that a minor may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Jodie Marlin, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at (260) 399-1447 or jmarlin@diocesefwsb.org; or Rev. Mark Gurtner, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801; at (260) 399-1419; or at mgurtner@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

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